

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

THE LUCK OF ROARING CAMP, ETC. By Francis Bret Hart. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co. Philadelphia Agents: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

All of the stories and sketches contained in this little volume have, we believe, been published in The Overland Monthly, of which Mr. Hart is editor, and many of them have been extensively copied by the newspapers, and have achieved a great popularity in all sections of the country. We are glad to see these sketches, and are pleased to see them collected in a book form that will give them a permanent place in literature that they could scarcely enjoy while floating around in the newspapers, for two reasons—they are intrinsically good in themselves and eminently worthy of an even greater popularity than they have attained, and they point very plainly to the right path for American authors to tread if we are to have a distinctively American literature.

Mr. Hart is a master of the very rare art of writing a good short story. All of the sketches in this book are short, and yet they say all that need be said, and they apparently exhaust their subjects. Their chief merit, however, is that they show the power of a true artist to detect the latent poetry that exists in the most unpromising subjects, and they are undeniably the finest sketches of the rough life of the gold diggings that have ever been given to the world. Other writers have essayed the same line of subjects, but they have either drawn upon their imaginations or have contented themselves with mere descriptions of the outward characteristics, and few if any have attempted to go below the surface in search of the finer qualities of human nature that underlie even the roughest exteriors. This, however, is the great merit of Mr. Hart's stories, and while, with the instinct of a poet, he keeps in the background the most offensive features of his subjects, his sketches are nevertheless true to life, and they are characterized by a mingling of humor and pathos that accounts in a large measure for their popularity. They are liked, however, by the mass of the readers because they are emphatically American in subject and treatment; they smell of the soil, and they suggest unlimited opportunities for writers who will study the humanity that surrounds them, and put it in their works, instead of adopting Dickens, Thackeray, George Eliot, or Charles Reade for their models.

"The Luck of Roaring Camp," from which the book takes its title, is one of the best of the series, but all are so very good that it is impossible to declare a preference, and we commend them to our readers with far greater cordiality than we do most of the current fiction of the day.

J. B. Lippincott & Co. also send us "Henry Courtland, or What a Farmer Can Do," by A. J. Cline. The object of this story appears to be to glorify the occupation of the farmer, and with such a worthy object in view we regret that the author did not produce a more entertaining narrative.

From William Flint, No. 26 South Seventh street, we have received "The Secrets of Internal Revenue," by U. S. Vidocq, edited by Franklin Eliot Norton. This work commences with the attempted assassination of Revenue Detective Officer James J. Brooks, and gives the various operations of the whisky ring in various parts of the country; the performances of the gold ring, with an account of the great gold panic in Wall street in last September, and various other matters of interest. The book appears to have been compiled entirely from the columns of the newspapers, and much of it is put together in a very clumsy manner. So far as the secrets of the internal revenue are concerned, we discover nothing in it that has not already been made public, and we find very little to commend except the fact that it gives a mass of information about the matters of which it treats in a more compact shape than could be obtained elsewhere.

"Minnesota as it is in 1870," by J. W. McClurg, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is a very complete description of a State that is apparently destined to become one of the most prominent in the whole Union. The Northern Pacific Railroad will make Minnesota, and in view of the early inception of that great work this will be of value to capitalists, business men, and prospective settlers, as well as invalids and tourists.

From Turner & Co. we have received Appleton's Journal, Our Boys and Girls, and Every Saturday for May 7, and The Transatlantic for May 10. Every Saturday contains a continuation of Dickens' new story, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," and a large drawing of "Sairy Gamp and Betsy Prig," by Sol. Eytinge.

The Central News Company, No. 507 Chesnut street, send us the latest numbers of The St. James' Magazine, Punch, and Fun. The Schoolboy Visitor for May, as usual, presents an agreeable variety of entertaining reading matter for young people.

The April number of The Journal of the Franklin Institute has a number of excellent articles on scientific and practical subjects. From John Murphy & Co., of Baltimore, we have received a pamphlet copy of a "Discourse on the Life and Character of George Peabody," delivered in the hall of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Feb. 18, 1870, and repeated Feb. 25 before the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, by Severn Teackle Wallis.

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.—Rev. Thomas S. Young, late of this city, has been called to the rectorship of Christ Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, as the successor of the Rev. W. A. Sively.

—The Rev. J. J. A. Morgan, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Southampton, and for some years rector of Hempstead, was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal church at Brooklyn last week.

—At the late Episcopal Visitation at Columbus, Ohio, Bishop Beede stated that between 1860 and 1869 there is no Episcopal church, except at Lancaster; and between Marietta and Ironton there are but two small churches, one at Pomeroy, and the other at Gallipolis.

—Notwithstanding his bad behavior, as viewed from Bishop Whitehouse's standpoint, the Rev. C. E. Cheney seems to have done considerable good work in Chicago. When he took his church in 1860, it was on the open prairie, with some seven members, in a house worth \$1,200. They now have 330 communicants, and 1100 scholars in Sunday Schools.

—When the Episcopal Diocese of Albany went off from that of New York, says the Independent, it was understood that the Episcopal fund was to be divided, but the Diocese of New York refused, and a bill has passed the State Legislature authorizing the trustees of the Episcopal fund of Albany to sue their New York brethren for the amount.

METHODIST.—The Free Methodist Church, which was organized in 1820, has now one hundred and nine preachers, and about six thousand members. It has four Annual Conferences.

—Bishop Kingsley leaves a widow and five children. Four of these are daughters, one of whom, Eliza, is married. The son, Frank, is employed by the Western Methodist Book Concern. Before leaving on his oriental tour, the Bishop had his life insured to the amount of \$4,000.

—There are fifty students in attendance at the Theological Seminary (Methodist). An effort is making to secure the balance of two hundred thousand dollars, three fifths of which are pledged on condition that all is raised—that the endowment of the Seminary may be completed, and the buildings immediately begun.

—We learn that the congregation of the Eleventh Street M. E. Church last Sabbath received ten new members, and promises to be largely increased. Rev. T. A. Feraie, its pastor, is well known in this city as one of our most active and catholic ministers. His sermons now being preached by him on "Incidents in the History of Christ between the Resurrection and Ascension" is attracting much attention.

—To-morrow (Sabbath) his subject will be "The Home of the Christian." The church is located on Eleventh street, above Washington avenue. The parsonage of the church, 933 Federal street, has recently been handsomely fitted up by the ladies of the congregation.

REFORMED.—During the past year the First Reformed Church of Freehold, N. J., have erected a neat and commodious chapel in the village of Marlboro, at a cost of over \$3,000, all of which has been paid.

—The First Reformed Church, corner of Seventh and Spring Garden streets, is meeting with a steady and healthful growth. Subjected, as some of our readers know, in late years to numerous difficulties, it is cheering to report to-day, in the presence of Rev. T. C. Orr, assistant pastor, just one year ago, peace, prosperity, and a marked degree of encouragement are made manifest. Large congregations are in attendance on Sabbath as well as the week-day meetings. The subject of congregational government on the question of Sunday and this in view a fine organ has been recently placed in the capacious lecture-room to aid in the devotional exercises. A congregational reunion is appointed for Tuesday evening next, partly with the design of celebrating the anniversary of the present pastoral relation.

CONGREGATIONAL.—The church and society at Malden, Mass., have voted to extend a call to the Rev. Edward Hawes, of this city, and entertain considerable hope that he will accept.

—The Rev. Edwin F. Parker, of Hartford, who has been called to the Mount Vernon Church, as colleague of Dr. Kirk, is a son of the Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, Me., and a grandson of the Rev. Dr. Pond, of Bangor Seminary. His wife is an adopted daughter of President Harris, of Bowdoin College.

PRESBYTERIANS.—The Presbyterian Board of Publication (Old and new) have voted to discontinue the Presbyterians of Fayetteville, N. C., and Louisiana, have voted against any revision of the old Book of Church Order.

—The Presbyterians of Millersburg, Ky., in conjunction with the Reformed Reformed brethren are about completing a handsome church edifice at a cost of \$16,000.

—The Cumberland Presbyterian indignantly denies that the reason why that body did not separate during the war "is indicated by the fact that the Rev. S. H. Buchanan, Attorney General, is their great oracle, religiously and politically."

—James B. Converse, son of the Rev. Dr. Converse, was ordained to the work of the ministry as an Evangelist by East Hanover, N. C., on the 25th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Converse, of Mackeys Church in Accomac county, Eastern Shore of Virginia.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

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PUBLIC SALE—THOMAS & SONS, AUCTIONEERS.—Very elegant three-story brick stone residence, No. 1865 Spring Garden street, west of Eighteenth street, 36 feet front, 111 feet deep; two front parlors, on Tuesday, May 11, 1870, at 12 o'clock, noon, will be sold at public sale at the Philadelphia Exchange, all that very elegant double three-story brown stone message, with three-story brick building and lot of ground, situated on the north side of Spring Garden street, west of Eighteenth street, No. 1865; containing in front on Spring Garden street 36 feet, and extending in depth 111 feet 11 inches to Brandywine street—two front parlors. The house is new, built and substantially built, and finished in a very superior manner, with all the modern conveniences; has hall in the center, parlor, reception room, dining room (with butler's pantry), 2 kitchens (with soapstone washbasins and sinks), and 3 water-closets on the first floor; 3 chambers, parlor sitting room, library, and bath room on the second floor; 5 chambers, bath room and billiard room on the third floor; marble mantel, French staircase, doors and window sash solid walnut, plate glass, front door, 3rd story, 6 stationary washbasins, with doors lined with lead, bell calls, gas, hot and cold water, 3 furnaces, 30 cubic feet of gas, 25 cubic feet of coal, large yard, underground drainage, etc. Terms, half cash. Clear of all incumbrance. Immediate possession. Now on hand, 425 1/2 mms.

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SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS, May 3, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Exchange, will in charge: COMMERCIAL STREET, No. 511—Valuable Store. BAKER, No. 419—Brick Livery Stable. RIVER CHURCH, No. 140—Four-story Farm. JACOBI, No. 250—Brick Dwelling. EVERETT, above Taylor and Dwelling. GREEN, No. 143—Modern Residence. FIFTH AND CHESTNUT, No. 143—Two Modern Residences. CATHARINE, No. 244—Fronted Dwelling. SPRING GARDEN, No. 635—Valuable Building. M. THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers, 422 1/2 m 714 Nos. 139 and 141 S. FOURTH ST.

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